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SUBJECT: NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. FODAG RECEIVED FROM NORWEGIAN EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING NOTE.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE EMBASSY OF NORWAY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE USA AND HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING:

DR. JOHN HANNAH, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE FROM HIS POSITION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. AFTER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PRESENT THE CANDIDATURE OF MR. LASSE AASLAND, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE NORWEGIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NORAD), TO THE POST WHICH WILL BECOME VACANT AFTER DR. HANNAH. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION.

MR. AASLAND HAS EXTENSIVE POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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EXPERIENCE. HE HAS SERVED AS UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT. THROUGH HIS WORK IN THE NORWEGIAN AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE UNDP, HE HAS ACQUIRED A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND INSTITUTIONS. THE CURRICULUM VITAE FOR M. AASLAND IS ATTACHED.

THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE
CANDIDATURE OF MR. LASSE AASLAND TO THE POST OF EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, IF AND WHEN CONSULTED BY
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN IN THIS MATTER IN ITS CAPACITY
AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

THE EMBASSY OF NORWAY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE USA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. END TEXT

2. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE REPLY.

3. MISSION NOT AWARE HANNAH HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HIS
RETIREMENT, ALTHOUGH COUNTRIES ASSUME IT. HOLMES

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